

barn superintendents.

- All Animals must be fed and pens cleaned by 10 am.
- All livestock animals must stay inside the North gate, on the West side of the "Breeze Way" gate leading to the rodeo area, and North of the First Aid Station.**
- All grain and pellets must be in a closed container.
- An Exhibitor who is both a 4-H member and an FFA member with separate projects for each program may exhibit two projects in the same lot, one under 4-H and one under FFA, except Horse. **Please indicate on entry form which project is for 4-H and which is for FFA.**
- Exhibitors in livestock can enter one (1) or two (2) animals per lot. If more than one (1) animal is entered, another 4-H or FFA Member, will have to show it for the Exhibitor, but must obtain the proper Exhibitor number from the livestock owner or no premium will be paid. The Premium Office will provide the numbers.
- The Judge will make the decision to award a champion or not, depending on the quality of the animal(s) in the lot.
- Animals with obvious health problems or external parasites can be refused entry by Barn Superintendents.
- Fair Management, including Department Superintendents or Judges, has the right to call a veterinarian should a situation arise. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the veterinarian fees.
- Exhibitors may not sleep overnight in the livestock barns or sheds.
- All animals at the Fair **MUST** be entered in a class/lot, excluding the young of a nursing animal.
- All grain/pellets must be in a closed container.**
- No sale advertisements of any kind for any animals. This includes but is not limited to signs and marking or writing on animals. Report all infractions to the Superintendent(s). If member does not comply with these rules, they will not be allowed to show or sell their animal(s).
- All Exhibitors will follow the Montana 4-H Livestock Code of Ethics & be Montana State Quality Assurance Certified.

ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITOR'S DRESS CODE Applies to all species, classes and the livestock sale:

- Clean, collared, **long sleeved**, long tailed shirt tucked into dark pants or jeans, and dark boots or leather footwear (no tennis shoes, rubber boots or sandals) must be worn by livestock exhibitors during livestock events. Official dress is mandatory for FFA members. Western style or cowboy hats will be allowed. See Showmanship rule #4 for requirements specific to showmanship.
- Animals presented in the show ring will not be decorated with artificial markings, ribbons, glitter or other foreign items. This includes during judging events and livestock sale.
- If a member does not comply with these rules, they will not be allowed to show or sell their animals.

SPORTSMANSHIP

All Exhibitors and their families are expected to conduct themselves in a positive, honest, sportsmanlike manner during shows. Losing gracefully is just as important as winning humbly. The following practices are prohibited:

- Inappropriate behavior by Exhibitors;

- Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class and lot in which it is shown;
- Criticizing or interfering with the Judge, other Exhibitors or Show Officials while at the show or Fair.

ANY OF THESE INFRACTIONS will result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation or declared ineligible to exhibit at the show by the Barn Superintendents and/or Extension Agents.

TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

All animals are to be treated in a humane manner. Adequate feed, water, and shelter are to be provided at all times. Physically abusing an animal is **unacceptable** at all times and the maltreatment of animals will not be tolerated. Exhibitors who abuse their animals, for whatever reasons, will be disqualified from the show. Striking an animal to cause swelling is absolutely prohibited.

ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS AND UNAPPROVED FOREIGN SUBSTANCES IS FORBIDDEN!!!

All treatment, feeding, or drug administration must follow in accordance to USDA regulations. Any violations will require application for readmission for future participation at the Ravalli County Fair.

VIOLATIONS:

Any violation of the rules and regulation may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, as well as disqualification, expulsion, or probation of the Exhibitor or organized groups the Exhibitor represents and the exhibit or livestock involved in the violation. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary actions of the livestock sale committee will be final.

HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to promote better care of livestock, pens, and equipment and to keep animals clean and attractive at all times.

- Every 4-H club and FFA chapter exhibiting livestock is automatically entered in this contest, and is for clubs rather than individuals.
- Superintendents will check barns periodically throughout the Fair scoring the following:
 - Neatness of stalls and alleys in all barns.
 - Care and grooming of animals.
 - Care and storage of equipment.
 - Courtesy and helpfulness to visitors.
 - Stall card - completed and easy to read.
 - Clear and easy to read Club sign.
- The winning club or chapter in each barn will be given a traveling sign to display indicating they have done a superior job that day.
- There are special premiums awarded for Livestock Herdsmanship. Daily winners receive 4-H Corner Café tickets, and the overall winning club in each species will be announced during the awards program on Saturday evening of Fair week and their name placed on a plaque displayed in the Extension Office.

MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE

Sale 8:00 am Saturday, of the Fair, Hornung Arena
Sale Order: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, & Meat Goat

- Each Exhibitor of a market animal will be permitted to sell only one animal in the Livestock Sale.

- The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion livestock market animals must sell in the Ravalli County 4-H Livestock Sale *unless you sell in the Western Montana Fair in Missoula*. In the event that an Exhibitor wins more than 1 Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion, they must choose which one to sell.
- If a Ravalli County 4-H or FFA member has sold an animal at the Western Montana Fair this year, they are ineligible to sell at the Ravalli County Fair.
- The animal must have been shown in the current Fair year and be present at the fair on sale day to be eligible for the livestock sale.
- White ribbon animals will not be sold in the Livestock Sale.
- All market animals will sell in order of placement or by random draw for sale order.
- Exhibitor or other 4-H or FFA member must be present at the sale time to sell their animal.
- Livestock weight groups and corresponding support prices at the sale can be set or changed by the Livestock Fair Superintendents and Livestock Sale Committee at Fair time. The Livestock Sale Committee consists of the Chairperson of the 4-H Livestock Committee, the 4-H Livestock Administrator, the Livestock Barn Superintendents and the Extension Agent.
- Market Steers may be released 7:30pm, Saturday of Fair Week. All other livestock to be released Sunday of Fair Week. **Enter and Exit through North Gate only.**
- Costs of administering the sale will be deducted from Exhibitors' sale proceeds.
- Resale/Support Animal Purchase Bid Price Agreements for:
 - Market beef, lambs, hogs, and meat goats must be filled out, mailed or turned in as per the Resale / Support Bid Price Agreement.
 - Bred Dairy and Beef Heifers Resale / Support Bid sheets will be posted in their respective barns and turned in to the 4-H Fair Livestock Administrator just prior to the beginning of the livestock sale at 8 am Saturday.
 - This is for resale/support price of livestock. Ravalli County firms and individuals will be given preference.

SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

Small Animal Auction is Saturday of Fair at 3pm in Hornung Arena. Order of sale is by random draw.

- Exhibitors are responsible to get your Auction Sale sheets to Sale Administrator no later than Thursday noon. No late sheets will be accepted.
- Each Exhibitor is allowed to sell (5) Lots. **Example of a lot is: Individual bird or rabbit, Pairs of birds or rabbits, Trios of birds or rabbits or Meat Pen.**

Poultry pairs may be a young laying pair (6 months-1 year) an old laying pair (1-2 years) or a breeding pair (one hen/pullet and one cock/cockerel). Poultry Trio can be 2 hens & 1 cock, 2 pullets & 1 cockerel, 3 hens or 3 pullets.

Rabbit trios may be two does and one buck, or three does.

A meat pen will consist of 3-6 birds/rabbits.

A poultry Roaster/Broiler pen would consist of birds 8 weeks to 1 year of age. A poultry Stewing pen would consist of birds 1 year and over.